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For : A Fiber Optic Cable Enclosure

3. Claim Rejections-35 USC sec. 112

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a rectangular box, the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for "at least one MTP..... (F) or extraction therethrough" (see claim 8 lines 30-38)..... The specification doesn't reasonably disclose the claimed subject matter of claim 8, and therefore the subject matter of claim 8 is not enabled by the disclosure of the invention. Applicant is required to cancel the claim or provide a reasonable explanation of why they feel the specification supports the subject matter as disclosed in claim 8.

Remarks: apparently the Examiner did not find the corresponding text in the specification which supports the claim language. However, it exists at page 22, lines 9 and 10.

4. 35 USC 112

A. In claim 1 line 19, "said lower reel plate" lacks an antecedent basis.

Remarks 4A: the amendments to claim 1 regarding the cable reel description are believed to overcome this rejection.

B. in claim 1 line 30, "a coupler" should be A. -- second coupler -- because at least one coupler is being claimed in claim 1 line 26.

Remarks 4B: agreed and done.

C. In claim 1 line 32, "said faceplate panel" lacks an antecedent basis.

Remarks 4C: it is believed that there was proper antecedent basis but applicant has amended the claim to overcome this rejection.